

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action of August 26, 2003 ("Office Action"). It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-5 and 8-42 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 and 8-36 were allowed in the Office Action, for which Applicants thank Examiner. Claims 37-42 were rejected, and have been cancelled by virtue of the present amendment. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to address typographical errata. Allowance of the application in view of Applicants' cancellation of the non-allowed claims and the ensuing remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include the word "and" between the second and final steps of the methods described therein, respectively. The claims have not been substantively altered in any way; no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.


In the Office Action, Examiner rejected claims 37-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsukamoto *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,643,741). Examiner also rejected claims 37, 41 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Thomson *et al.* (Science 1998, 282:1145-1147). Claims 37-42 have been cancelled by virtue of the present amendment, thus rendering these rejections moot.

Applicants believe that the present amendment and foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance. A favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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